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MEMBANUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Proposed Freudential Remarks on CIA

A planted question in the President's next press conference would seem the bost way to slight commute from him on CIA.

Quantion: Will the Bresident economic on electes that the CEA is making policy, is not keeping Congress informed on what it does and that there should be a Congressional "Natshang Committee" over its activities?

Answer: In ensure to your question, let me say first, the CIA does not make mational policy, it never has, and it never will.

Secondly, CIA is not a free-shooling organization. It is pure of the Executive Office of the Freedom of the United States. It operates under the Mational Security Operation which is chaired by the President of the United States. Its activities are fully coordinated with national policy interests.

In its wisdom, Compress gave necessary special authorities to the CTA, as an organization, and to the Director of Combrel Intelligence, who is also the President's personal advisor on intelligence activities and who coordinates the intelligence activities of the Government as they common our national security. The present Director of Control Intelligence, head of CEA, and also advisor to me on intelligence as it affects the antiqual security, is a distinguished, patriotic American, the Researchie John A. McCome, of California. He has devoted some 15 years to government service to Presidents of both mational political parties. There are no galitics involved in his selection. He is the man best qualified for this vital, secret, sensitive and semewhet thankless job. State, Defense, and other Intelligence units must give him, as my representative, their full cooperation.

The CIA is well and adequately expervised. It has four subconsistence of Congress who know what it does. The subscinittees of the Senate Armed Services Consistee, under Senator Reseall, and of the House Armed Services Consistee, under Mr. Vincen, are its parent

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